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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution

Supplemental Summary for Fiscal Year 2015 Semi-Annual HUB Report for Agency 582

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) is dedicated to supporting the goals and intent of the Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) program. Accomplishments during the first two quarters of FY15:

- participated in 11 Economic Opportunity Forums at which HUBs received information on how to do business with TCEQ
- maintained sponsorship of two Mentor-Protégé agreements
- provided information to HUBs on state procurement requirements and how to do business with TCEQ through one-on-one meetings, email, and by phone
- held workshops for HUB vendors on the HUB program and on state and agency procurement requirements
- presented HUB-related information at all pre-solicitation conferences, covering areas such as HUB subcontracting plan compliance, the selection of HUBs, the procedure for searching the Central Master Bidders List, and the Mentor-Protégé program
- notified 1,719 HUB vendors via email of potential contracting/subcontracting opportunities as the solicitations were posted on the Electronic State Business Daily web site, and invited HUBs to the pre-solicitation conference to network with potential prime contractors
- assisted in development of solicitations that emphasized regional service areas, as opposed to the solicitation of service contracts on a statewide basis
- ensured specifications did not include unnecessary requirements that would impede HUB participation by, for example, reviewing bond and insurance requirements
- provided information regarding TCEQ procurement opportunities, HUB certification and state purchasing requirements at 6 events of the Texas Association of African-American Chambers of Commerce and Texas Association of Mexican-American Chambers of Commerce
- planned and prepared activities for the agency's HUB Economic Opportunity Forum at the annual TCEQ Environmental Fair on May 5th and 6th
- participated on the planning committee for 3 HUB EXPOs spearheaded by TPASS
- conducted a workshop on marketing to state government at the HUB EXPO in Beaumont
- participated in statewide HUB Discussion Workgroup legislative subcommittee and outreach subcommittee meetings

Should you have any questions, please contact TCEQ HUB Coordinator Laura Cagle at either (512) 239-1293 or by email at laura.cagle@tceq.texas.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dorca Zaragoza-Stone".

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